

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6571–S6639

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1076–1082, S. Res. 145, and S. Con. Res. 45. Pages S6624–25

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Ford Motor Company: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S6637

Warner (for McConnell) Amendment No. 699 (to the preamble), to make technical corrections. Page S6637

Recognizing the Contributions of Asian Pacific Americans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, recognizing the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our Nation, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S6637–38

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments: Pages S6575–86, S6587–98

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 697, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability. Pages S6597–98

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 689, to ensure that members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces are treated equitably in the provision of health care benefits under TRICARE and otherwise under the Defense Health Program. Pages S6587–97

Graham (SC) Amendment No. 696 (to Amendment No. 689), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S6594–97

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also considered the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 697 (listed above) was ruled not relevant. Page S6598

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. Page S6638

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33) Page S6621

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34) Page S6621

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the First Session of the 108th Congress, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, May 23–26, 2003: Senators Sessions, Voinovich, and Cornyn. Page S6638

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 184), S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Pages S6586–87, S6639

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—184)	Page S6586

Adjournment: Senate met at 2:02 p.m., and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6638–39.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: on Friday, May 16, 2003, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for programs of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary for Rural Development, and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Jeffrey Lunstead, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Demo-

cratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, and Richard W. Erdman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UGANDA AIDS PREVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy in combating AIDS in Uganda, focusing on political commitment, role of faith-based organizations, communication, fighting stigma, policy and law changes, and confidential voluntary counseling and testing, after receiving testimony from Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Edward C. Green, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Sophia Mukasa Monico, Global Health Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Steven A. Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Malawi after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HEALTH CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine prevention measures to reduce unnecessary illness, disability, and premature death among older Americans, focusing on Medicare-covered preventive services, and local model programs, after receiving testimony from James S. Marks, Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research, Washington, D.C.; Robert N. Butler, International Longevity Center—USA, New York, New York; Joel E. Streim, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, Bethesda, Maryland; William Faxon Payne, Nashville, Tennessee; and Zalman Gerber, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 2143–2154; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 240–241, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands